

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

The priority papers were filed with the original application papers and their receipt was acknowledged in the above-mentioned Examiner's Action. The undersigned hereby reiterates the priority claim made in the earlier-filed Declaration.

Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, and 11, which all depended directly from independent claim 1 have been found to contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly the subject matter of claim 3 has been added to claim 1, claim 3 has been canceled, and the subject matter of claim 1 has been added to claims 6, 9, 10, and 11, making claims 1, 2, and 4-12 allowable. Claims 13-15 have already been allowed.

The number of independent claims has been increased to six. A PTO-2038 covering the fee for the three extra claims is attached.

Thus all the claims in the case are in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

Respectfully submitted,
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